

# **STANDING RULES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**

1. Objective: These rules are intended to provide guidance and clarification in the administrative application of the Bylaws by the Board of Directors. These rules shall support the Bylaws. No standing rule can be adopted that deviates from the Bylaws.
2. Membership and Dues:
  - A. Annual dues for each affiliate of SCCCW will be \$2.00 per year for each active, dues paying member of an affiliate and shall be due to the Deanery Treasurer. These dues will be forwarded to the SCCCW Treasurer by the first day of December.
  - B. Individual SCCCW membership dues shall be \$10 per year and shall be sent directly to the SCCCW Treasurer.
3. Rotation of the Annual Convention: The Annual Convention will be hosted each year by a member Deanery in rotation as follows: Myrtle Beach Deanery, Columbia Deanery, Charleston Deanery, Beaufort Deanery, Greenville Deanery, Rock Hill Deanery and Aiken Deanery.
4. Sub-committees: Sub-committees of the Spirituality, Leadership and Service Commission shall exist and may be titled:
  - A. Church and Legislative under Spirituality,
  - B. Organization, Public Relations, and Membership under Leadership, and
  - C. Family, Community, and International under Service.
5. The Associates Committee: The Associates Committee, consisting of SCCCW Past Presidents, may assist the President with special projects and may offer mentoring to all the current officers. The Immediate Past President shall serve as chair.
6. SCCCW Awards:
  - A. The Reverend William F. Pentis Memorial Scholarship. A merit-based scholarship of a minimum of \$1,500 annually shall be awarded annually to a Catholic graduating high school female from SC who plans to attend an institution of higher learning or a technical school. Information advertising the scholarship shall be sent in the late fall to Catholic High Schools in SC and to parishes for inclusion in bulletins. All applications must be accompanied by a transcript, a letter of acceptance from a university/college/school, a letter of recommendation from an ecclesiastical authority, and a letter of reference from a high school or home school official and must be received by a designated date in early spring. Applications shall be judged by three individuals appointed by the SCCCW president. The recipient shall be recognized and presented with a check at the May/June meeting of the SCCCW Board of Directors.

- B. The Reverend William F. Pentis Multicultural Award. This award recognizes a service-related program or activity of an SCCCW affiliate that promotes racial/ethnic interactions and good will at a local, national, or international level during a current fiscal year. Information about this award shall be included in the Fall Packet of Information. Applications must be submitted to the SCCCW President prior to the pre-convention meeting. The Spiritual Advisor, Service Commission Chair, and International Committee Chair shall judge the applications at the pre-convention meeting. The recipient shall be recognized at the SCCCW Convention.
- C. The SCCCW Affiliate Scrapbook Competition. This competition is open to any affiliate that wishes to compile such items as press releases, commission activities, pictures, parish news pages, event flyers, and fundraisers in a scrapbook. Information advertising the competition shall be included in the Call to Convention Packet. Scrapbooks shall be placed in a designated location by a designated time at the SCCCW Convention. The SCCCW President shall select individuals to judge the scrapbooks. The winner of the competition shall be recognized at the convention.
- D. The SCCCW Catholic Woman of the Year Award (CWOY). The SCCCW CWOY award recognizes a member of the SCCCW whose work has been exemplary. Each affiliate may select a Catholic Woman of the Year and nominate the recipient for the deanery CWOY award. Each active deanery may select a CWOY and nominate its recipient for the SCCCW CWOY award. Submissions must be received by a designated date, usually late winter, and judged by three individuals appointed by the SCCCW President who are not members of SCCCW. The recipient shall be recognized at the SCCCW Convention and presented with a sterling silver Our Lady of Good Council medal and chain.
- E. The SCCCW Golden Rose Award. This award recognizes a young Catholic woman between the ages of 14 and 18 who attends Mass regularly, reflects Gospel values, portrays spirituality, shows outstanding leadership qualities, is involved in acts of service, and is involved in parish and school activities. Information advertising the award shall be sent to Pastors, Directors of Religious Education and Youth Ministers throughout the Diocese of Charleston asking that they nominate a young woman for the award. Nominations received by a designated date shall be judged by a committee of 3 appointed by the SCCCW President. The recipient will be recognized by SCCCW and will receive a golden rose pin, a certificate, and an NCCW junior membership. With her permission, she shall be nominated by SCCCW for the NCCW Golden Rose Award.
- F. The SCCCW Ruth Schachte Perpetual Silver Bowl Membership Award. This award shall be presented annually to an affiliate with the greatest percentage increase in membership. The Treasurer shall compare for each affiliate as of Oct. 1 the number of members of the current fiscal with that of the prior year. A silver bowl is presented to the affiliate with the highest percentage to keep for the fiscal year. It should be returned to the SCCCW President at the pre-convention meeting in a polished condition.

G. The SCCCW Woman Religious of the Year (WROY). The WROY award is presented annually to a Sister who has made a significant contribution to the Roman Catholic Church in SC, who is currently ministering in the Diocese of Charleston, and who has worked in SC for at least five years, consecutive or not. Nominations forms shall be included in the Fall Packet of Information. A committee of three individuals, preferably religious, shall be appointed by the SCCCW President to judge submissions. The recipient shall be recognized at the SCCCW Convention and shall receive a complementary banquet ticket and a room for one night at the convention.

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